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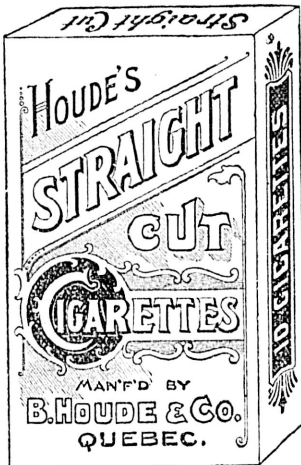
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From our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The militia department received the following message to-day:

"Capetown, Dec. 4.
"Chief Staff Officer, Ottawa:
"Just landing here. Excellent health and spirits. Des Lauriers, of Ottawa, died on the 3rd of heart failure. Battalion's strength, 1,038; special, 22. (Signed) "OTTER."

Teddy Des Lauriers was the third son of John Des Lauriers, for many years chief messenger of the department of railways and canals, and a popular young man. He has been a member of the Ottawa Dragoons for ten years.

The number of the contingent surprises the officials of the militia department, the understanding here being that only 1,019 went. There are no means of checking the list, as two company officers took their muster rolls.

From the moment the contingent set foot on African soil it comes under the regulations of the Imperial army, and the men will be entitled to Imperial pensions in case of losing a limb or being incapacitated.

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Modder River So Proved Though Enemy Had Believed Position Impregnable After Seven Weeks' Entrenchment.

Through All That Awful Day British Were Exposed to Searching Cross Fire From Boers Hidden Beyond Reach of Bayonets.

Terrific Hail of Methuen's Artillery Forced Flight Under Cover of Darkness and British Crossed at Daybreak—Report of Full Retreat on Bloemfontein.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 5.—Mr. Julian Ralph describing in the Daily Mail the battle at Modder River says:

"I can testify that the British never once saw the enemy; yet they were no able to raise hand or foot without being riddled.

"Despite all this, however, the day belonged to the artillery. The infantry never advanced two paces during the day of hell. The shells of our guns were accurately placed in the enemy's trenches and broke the hearts of the Boers; for after dark they all retreated."

London, Dec. 5.—The special correspondent of the Daily News with General Methuen, telegraphing from Modder River on the day after the battle says: "I hear that the Boers are in full retreat to Bloemfontein.

London, Dec. 5.—The correspondent of the Associated Press with General Lord Methuen's column, telegraphing from Modder River last Thursday, says:

"The Waterloo of the campaign has been fought and won. The battle was conducted with unprecedented stubbornness on both sides. There was one continuous roar like the explosion of countless fire crackers. There was no flinching on either side and not a moment's pause. For five hours the British batteries poured tons of shrapnel, grape and shells into the Boer positions. Lord Methuen had 22 guns and each fired an average of 200 rounds.

"The Boers had an almost equal number of guns, which it is reported, were mostly served by French and German artillerymen.

"It is believed that the Boers had occupied the position seven weeks before, and had spent the interval in fortifying it and rendering it, as they considered, impregnable. They did not seem to fear to expend their ammunition; and their guns were well and smartly handled.

"Owing to the bend in the river on the right, the Boers had an opportunity of cross-firing on the British attack. A Boer Hotchkiss was directed with marvellous accuracy against a British Maxim, killing the sergeant in charge, wounding another officer and disabling the gun. This occurred quite at the beginning of the engagement.

"When the Boer fire was silenced in one direction it was immediately reopened in another.

"Owing to the terrific fire nobody on the plain was out of range. Stretcher bearers found it impossible to go forward in the few cases they were called upon to attend, and the wounded were compelled if possible to crawl out of the lines.

"No quarter seems to have been given on either side. The British assert that amidst the bullets the ambulance wagons displayed their flags prominently to no advantage. These were repeatedly driven back and compelled to take refuge out of sight.

"It is alleged that the Boers used dum-dum bullets and made special targets of the horses on the plain in the hope of hitting the riders.

"While the Argyll Highlanders were pushing across the river they were fired upon from a house and several fell. Thereupon the Highlanders stormed the house and although the Boers hoisted a white flag, no attention was paid to it, and all the Boers were shot.

"It is reported that Gen. Cronje with his contingent retreated toward Langenberg at four o'clock in the afternoon. Others followed in the direction of Jacobsdal and the main body of the Boers retired with the guns about eight in the evening.

"On the following morning at daybreak the British fired a few shells into the village. Getting no response, a patrol of cavalry crossed the river, and found the enemy's camp deserted. Dead Boers and many who were dying were to be seen everywhere in the entrenchments as well as numerous new graves. Several buildings were in smoking ruins.

"Some of the Boer prisoners say that Gen. Cronje was in supreme command. He had to whip his men to prevent them from deserting and despite this, many threw down their rifles and fled."

THE PLAN OF ATTACK.
London, Dec. 4.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following despatch, dated Wednesday, November 29, morning, from its correspondent at Modder River camp:

"The severest engagement our column has yet had, and probably the severest in the whole campaign, was fought yesterday on the banks of the Modder river. The battle was waged fiercely for nearly fourteen hours.

"The enemy occupied a strong entrenched position, their front extending five miles along the bank of the stream. They were well supplied with artillery and fought desperately.

"Our force consisted of the Second battalion of the Coldstream Guards, the First battalion of the Scots Guards, the Third battalion of the Grenadier Guards, the First battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers, the Second battalion of the Yorkshire Light Infantry (the King's Own), a part of the First battalion of the Royal North Lancashire Regiment, the Ninth Lancers, the Mounted Infantry, three battalions of Field Artillery and the First battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's). The latter reinforcement was from Gen. Wauchop's brigade, and arrived just in time for the fight.

"The battle started at daybreak, our guns shelling the Boers. The enemy replied with artillery, Hotchkiss and Maxims, and the artillery duel lasted some hours. Then there was a brief lull in the enemy's operations, of which the General immediately took advantage.

"Our infantry advanced across the plain towards the river in two brigades. The Guards, on the right, were met by an awful hail of bullets from the enemy's sharpshooters posted close to the river on the opposite bank. Our troops

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Two Years' Prospecting.

Capt. John Robertson's Search for Gold in the Klondike Country.

Found No Precious Metals But Many Acres of Farming Lands.

Gold is not the only thing of value that can be produced in that section of the Yukon valley commonly known as the Klondike and it is safe to say that when the gold fever has subsided there will be found men who will be willing to remain in the country and till the soil. A statement such as this might be laughed at or at least discredited by many, but so it was when it was suggested that the Western prairies could be turned to account, the cry then as in the case of the Klondike, being that the climate was too severe for a place for a permanent home. But there are valleys in the Klondike country, which, when they become known, will tempt many a hardy agriculturist. Heretofore what has been told of these valleys was mere hearsay. Yesterday there was a man in Victoria, Capt. John Robertson, a New Zealander, who has been all through them and states that he is the equal of any that he has seen anywhere for agricultural purposes. In them grow patches of red and blue top grass, testifying to the richness of the soil and its adaptability for the growing of cereals or in fact any agricultural product. That the climate is not against this is shown by the market gardens which are seen in the vicinity of Dawson and which supply the city with fresh vegetables.

It is an interesting story as to how Capt. Robertson came to find these valleys. In the reading room of the Hotel Victoria he told it to a representative of the Colonist yesterday. He would have preferred, he said, to have a talk with the Colonist a few years ago, when he might have told a few things of the maladministration of the country by the Canadian officials. However, that is a thing of the past and so he told of his experience in other ways. Capt. Robertson was in New Zealand when he first heard of the Klondike rush, and deciding to join it came here by the steamer Moyera in April, 1898. He immediately started northward, and after a long and arduous journey, he reached Dawson that spring. Finding Dawson overcrowded and the near-by creeks staked in all directions, he considered it advisable to prospect some new fields and set out for the Indian River district where the summer of 1898 was spent, going 100 miles from the mouth of the river. Colors were found in the creek, but not in sufficient quantity to make it worth while staking. Returning to Dawson a hillside claim on Eldorado was purchased and here Capt. Robertson spent the winter. Last spring he made another start for new fields intending to prospect the far northern ranges of the Rocky Mountains for quartz. His companion was Capt. Anderson and the two with two horses went in a northerly direction from the Klondike. They got into a very swampy country between the Klondike and Stewart rivers and it took 35 days to cover 150 miles. There were great patches of the grass mentioned above, making it unnecessary to carry any feed for the horses. The mosquitoes, however, were swarms, however, were more than the horses could stand and they had to be done away with. At this time the party were 180 miles up the Klondike. Shortly afterwards they came to the cabin of a Mr. Carter, a Canadian hunter and trapper, who had long desired to make a trip to the Rockies, and Capt. Anderson remaining at the cabin and prospecting in the vicinity without success, Capt. Robertson and Mr. Carter continued on the trip. They started in a north by west direction and after traveling 140 miles reached the headwaters of the Porcupine river. They had but six days' provisions with them, but nevertheless did not suffer from the lack of food, Caribou and bear being plentiful and easy to shoot, and as they had no fear of men, whom they had seldom or never seen. From the Porcupine the two prospectors ranged around to the head waters of the McQuestin and then crossed to the north fork of the Klondike and back to Carter's cabin by the south fork, occupying sixteen days on the trip. They found many quartz ledges, but of no value, although of course there is no telling what there is under the thick layers of moss which cover the rocks.

The season drawing to a close, Capt. Robertson and Capt. Anderson accompanied by Mr. Carter, started down the Klondike in a canoe bound for Dawson. All went well until they were within 90 miles of the mouth of the river, when the canoe struck a tree which had fallen across the rapids, and capsized. Capt. Anderson and Mr. Carter succeeded in getting on to the tree, but Capt. Robertson, who was at the oars, had no chance to save himself, and was carried 300 yards down the river where fortunately he caught the branch of a tree and landed himself on the opposite bank. The party lost everything they had but the canoe, which was patched with difficulty and carried them safely to Dawson.

After remaining in Dawson for two days Capt. Robertson started for home by the all-water route, but at St. Michael was given command of one of the A. C. Co.'s boats and made several trips to Cape Nome. He confirms the reports of the richness of the beach, but says it is patchy, some men making \$200 a day, others not more than \$10, while Anvil creek is reported to be as rich as Eldorado of Klondike. There will certainly be a big rush to Nome from all parts of the world including Dawson.

A SURPRISED FIGHTER.
Came From England for a Match and Landed but Seventy-Three Seconds.

New York, Dec. 1.—Dave Wallace, the last of the English fighters imported here within the last few months, went down in defeat to-night before the Broadway A. C. Joe Bernstein of this city placed several lefts on Wallace's face and body and in exactly 73 seconds the Englishman laid prostrate, unable to further defend himself. A short right on the point of the jaw did the business. He was counted out by referee Charley White and his seconds had to carry him to his corner. They met for a twenty-five round go at 124 pounds, but the fight was abandoned when it was found that their man was weakened by having to take off from 155 pounds in the last three weeks.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," or Harry Forbes of Chicago, fought a six-round draw at Fort Dearborn Athletic Club to-night.

A HIGHLY PAID PROFESSION.

Mining Men in the Kootenay Camps in Receipt of Princely Salaries.

From the Rossland Miner.
The mining business should be an alluring one for young men to embark in, as those on the top are better paid than are most professional men. It is a profession, too, which has advantages which are greater than are afforded by professional men, for the reason that they have good opportunities for profitable investment in mines, in which their professional judgment comes into use, which are not usually given to the lawyer, the doctor, or to any of the other learned men. Then, too, the profession is not crowded, like many of the others are, and the wonder is often expressed that more college boys do not take the mining course. The highest paid man in the mining business in British Columbia is Major W. J. Collins, who is the general mining manager and consulting engineer for the British America Corporation. Major Collins receives the princely salary of \$50,000 a year for his services, and is at present in this city mapping out the development work on the Le Roi, the Columbia and Kootenay and other properties owned by the company which pays the so generous a salary. Major Collins looks after the subsidiary companies of the B. A. C. in various parts of the world, and all as here. Mr. W. A. Carlyle, who recently resigned the position of general superintendent and mining engineer for the British America Corporation, was paid \$10,000 per annum, and resigned to accept a similar position with the Rio Tinto Copper company in Spain, where the salary is \$25,000 per annum. Mr. Walter H. Aldridge, manager of the Canadian Smelting Works at Trail, is paid \$15,000 a year for looking after the interests of that institution. He ranks high as a smelter man and was selected because of his well known knowledge of the treatment of ores in a smelter. Mr. James Breen, who built the smelters at Trail and the latter receives a salary of \$10,000 per annum and one-fourth of the profits. Mr. Breen stands high as a smelter man and his knowledge extends even to the proper method of constructing them and is not confined simply to their operation. Mr. H. C. Bellinger who is the chief lieutenant of Mr. Breen at the Northport smelter, receives \$10,000 per annum. Major Leach, who formerly was constructing engineer for the Coxy and Gertrude properties of this camp, and who is now manager of the Republic mine, at Republic, and who looks after the B. C. mine in the Boundary country, receives \$7,500 per annum for his brilliant services. Mr. W. R. Wilson, the Canadian agent of the Le Roi, is a miner of 30 years experience in Colorado, and receives \$5,000 a year for his services. Mr. Frank Robbins, who is the general manager for Mann & McKenzie's mining properties in Canada, is paid \$7,500 a year. He is a graduate in mines in Nevada, Arizona and California. Mr. Carl Hand, who has charge of the great Payne mine in the Sloon, is paid \$10,000 per annum and as part owner in the property receives a profit in that capacity. Mr. W. Y. Williams, who is general manager for the syndicate which owns the Massicot and the California in this camp and the Knob Hill and the Old Ironsides and other properties in the Boundary country, receives for his services \$5,000 a year. Mr. Williams is a California miner of many years experience and is well grounded in the business. Mr. Paul Johnson of the Boundary Copper company, who has charge of the Northport smelter, receives \$7,500 per annum for his services. Mr. J. B. Hastings and Mr. E. P. Kirby each receive \$10,000 per annum.

Then there are the mining experts who do not usually work for a salary, but who examine properties for clients. Their fees for examination and report run from \$500 to \$1,000 and more. Those usually earn from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and more a year according to their ability and reputation. Among these is Mr. Alexander Dick, who usually earns \$10,000 a year in his profession. Then there is Captain Frank D. Howe and Captain James Morrish. The latter earned \$800 a year by the New Goldfields of British Columbia. Then there is H. Clarke, earns considerable in this way. Mr. J. L. Parker, who is now superintendent of the North Star in East Kootenay, earns a good deal in this kind of work. Mr. D. J. McDonald receives \$5,000 per annum from the Mackintosh syndicate for expert advice and reports. Mr. J. B. Hastings, who in his capacity of mining director of the War Eagle and Centre Star companies, receives \$10,000 a year, adds considerable to his income by acting as mining expert. Then there are the mining promoters, but there is material enough in these for another article, which will appear in another issue.

COAST-KOOTENAY RAILWAY.

Rossland Lawyer Advertiser Application for Charter for Such a Project.

From the Rossland Miner.

Mr. Smith Curtis, of this city, has given notice that application will be made to the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia at its next session for an act to incorporate a company with power to construct a railway from some point on the Columbia river, south of Arrow Lake, to Vancouver. The route over which it is proposed to build is as follows: It will commence at some point on the Columbia river, south of Lower Arrow Lake, thence westerly to the city of Vancouver, via the city of Rossland and Sheep Lake, and via or near the various points where the Kootenay river intersects the international boundary line, and crossing the Columbia river south of Okanagan lake, and via or near Princeton, on the Similkameen river, and via New Westminster, and with power to operate and construct branch lines up and down the Similkameen river from or near Princeton to the international boundary line, and extending northward to Nicola lake, and thence to Kamloops, also to Spence's Bridge.

It is understood that if the charter is granted the road will be built and operated as a legitimate railway enterprise. The freight and fare charges will be much lower than those which now prevail in this province. It will come in direct competition with the Canadian Pacific and will compel the existing monopoly to lower its charges to at least rates which are fair. It is contended by the projectors of this enterprise that there is a good profit in a road that will be run simply for the purpose of carrying on a railway business and with that single object in view. They believe that a railway that is satisfied with a reasonable and fair profit can be made a success of. It is not the intention of the company, it is said, to endeavor to monopolize several industries.

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Amn. Iron	112 1/2
Amn. Copper	112 1/2
Amn. Lead	112 1/2
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Amn. Rutherfordium	112 1/2
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THE WAR.

The battle of Modder River was fierce and bloody. The enemy had the advantage of cover and position, but were unable to resist our attack and retired when darkness put an end to a fight of fourteen hours' duration. Our troops then proceeded to occupy the enemy's position and to repair the bridge over the river so as to continue the advance on Kimberley.

As yet we are without advices as to what became of Cronje's command. It was said that he would make a stand at Spytfontein but the position which he could occupy there would not be nearly as strong as that held by him at the river and he would be open to attacks from Kimberley simultaneously with the assault from Methuen's column. For this reason we have hesitated to believe in the report that a battle is likely to occur at Spytfontein.

VERY FUNNY BUSINESS.

The Dominion Law, the Provincial law and the city by-law all provide that buildings, where large numbers of people are gathered, must have doors that open outwards. The doors of the Drill hall open inwards. The building inspector some time ago drew Lt.-Col. Gregory's attention to this, and that officer duly reported the matter to Ottawa. The militia department admitted that the doors ought to be changed to comply with the law, but declined to pay for it, insisting that the expense should be borne by the next person or committee charging admission to the hall. This conclusion of the department was communicated to Lt.-Col. Gregory by Lt.-Col. Peters a day or two before the patriotic concert, and thus the former had no alternative except to ask the committee to pay for changing the doors. The change has not been made and no one knows what the cost of it will be. In the meantime the committee is deferring the remittance of the moneys realized, in order to protect all concerned. We do not suppose for a moment that the minister of militia would permit the Mansion House fund contribution to be levied upon in this way, and it is of course purely accidental that the matter comes up in connection with it. But what we do think is very extraordinary is that the militia authorities should try to shirk the expense of making the Drill hall conform to the laws of the country in this matter of exits.

MINING ON THE ISLAND.

We print this morning a brief synopsis of the work done on the West Coast of Vancouver Island during the present year. We are indebted for it to Mr. William M. Brewer, the well-known mining engineer, a gentleman who is known in mining circles as very conservative in his statements. Colonist readers will be both surprised and gratified at the showing made. Twenty-five separate properties are spoken of and others are referred to. That is, there are probably thirty or more mining propositions on the West Coast in a more or less advanced stage of development, and on all of them work is being continued. It may be possible to tell something that would be fuller of encouragement to the people of Victoria than this, but we do not know what it would be. Our city has already felt the benefit of what is being done, for the Colonist has already had occasion to speak more than once of the greatly increased demands upon the transportation service. Next season the amount of work done will doubtless exceed that of this year, and it is altogether probable that several of the properties will become shipping mines. Some little time has been necessary to establish the value of Vancouver Island as a field for metalliferous mining, but the thing seems to have been done, and the outlook for the future is very bright indeed.

THE NEEDS OF THE PROVINCE.

The discussion which has been going on in these columns during the past week has done a great deal of good, although possibly in the direction that either of the parties to it anticipated, but we are sure the others will, like ourselves, be none the less gratified. We take it that, differ as we may upon the manner in which the result is to be obtained, we all seek to advance the interests of our imperial province. The discussion has naturally excited much attention from the press, and the result is that there has been called out what is almost a unanimous expression of opinion that if the people of British Columbia, irrespective of their affiliations in the federal arena, unite to promote the interests of the province they will find sufficient to occupy their minds, so far as local politics go.

The Colonist is sometimes asked why it keeps local matters so much to the front to the exclusion of the personal features of federal politics, which receive attention at the hands of so many of its Eastern contemporaries on both sides of politics. More than one reason can be given for this course, but the principal one is that the local questions come right home to us as British Columbians. They touch our business interests. They bear upon the future of our investments and the opportunities which the province will present to our families. They influence

the solution of the great problem of how the majority of the population can secure a good day's pay for a good day's work. British Columbia is only on the threshold of its development. It is necessary to have the province opened by railways. Our rivers need improvement. Our coasts need to be better lighted and charted. We need highways, trails and bridges in all directions, and legislation that will secure, if possible, the local treatment of our ores of all kinds. The protection of invested capital as well as the interests of those who work for wages call for our best consideration. Our agricultural capabilities need to be made known and their utilization ought to be stimulated. There are questions bearing upon taxation calling for attention. While matters of this kind are to be dealt with, we think a British Columbia paper is doing its duty better in discussing them than in endeavoring to create a false interest in the personal matters which make up federal politics so largely nowadays.

Some people say that the immigration of people from the Eastern provinces means the transportation to this province of Eastern issues; but we do not believe it. On the contrary we think that the majority of Eastern people are the readiest of all to break away from their old party ties, and in this new land form such alliances as will serve best to advance the material interests of their adopted home. Every one who knows the inner working of politics in the East will bear us out in saying that the division of parties there is largely a matter of family tradition, personal friendship or association and in some cases local reputation. There are constituencies in the East that are Liberal chiefly because they have always been Liberal, and others that are Conservative for the same reason. The political leaders on either side know with almost certainty in advance how such constituencies will go, no matter what issue is placed before them. This, of course, is not peculiar to Canada, but is common in all communities where representative institutions have been in existence for any length of time.

That public man must be of more than ordinary ambition who cannot find, in British Columbia and the full development of its wonderful future, the utmost scope for his energy, the widest field his talents can desire, the most honorable crown for a career. It seems to us that the great need of the province is that we shall all of us devote our energies more closely to the work to be done in this inviting field. British Columbia with its vast area, its magnificent geographical position and its wealth in forest, mine, soil and sea is an empire of itself. We frankly confess that, when we think of what is to be done in order that the British Columbians of to-day may profit most by these things and leave them in the best shape to benefit their children, the issues of the federal arena seem paltry and insignificant beside them. So far from feeling that the necessities of federal parties should control our relations to our local affairs, we have almost reached a stage when we can say that the interests of British Columbia ought to dominate our minds to the exclusion of everything short of Imperial interests.

It would, of course, be unwise to go as far as this under any circumstances, for at any day questions may arise in the federal arena, which will compel the concentration of public attention upon themselves to the exclusion for the time being of all other matters. But just now British Columbians will be excused if they think more about British Columbia than anything else, except always the welfare of the Empire as a whole. We are approaching a session of the legislature that may be one of the most important in the history of the province. It will not be many months before peace is restored in South Africa, and with this and the establishment of British institutions everywhere on a firm basis there will come a rush of capital and immigration in that direction beyond all precedent. British Columbia will have all she can do under the most favorable circumstances to secure that attention from the moneyed world that her vast resources entitle her to. Therefore the necessity for dropping all experimental legislation which weakens the confidence of investors and unsettles the mind of wage-earners. The present is a very critical time in the history of our province, so far as those who now reside here are concerned, and while we do not object with the Irish legislator to do anything for posterity, "because posterity has done nothing for us," we claim that the best statesmanship is that which takes account of the present and does not build wholly for the future.

A REMARKABLE DISCOVERY.

Professor Loeb, of the Chicago University, has been conducting a series of experiments and appears to have made a remarkable discovery. He asserts: That by chemical means he has succeeded in hatching the unfertilized eggs of marine animals. That he has developed the larvae so hatched into healthy animals, capable of exercising all the functions of normally developed animals. That by a series of experiments he is led to believe that this can be done with mammals, including human beings. The developing agent is magnesium or sodium. Professor Loeb took unfertilized eggs of the sea urchin and in two hours developed them into living organisms, which in due course passed through all the stages up to the perfected animals. He thinks that the eggs in the roe of a fish can be hatched without the presence of the milt. The New York Herald in its comment upon this discovery suggests that future investigation may show that the male of any species is unnecessary for the reproduction of life. Curiously enough advanced theos-

phists have put forward the same claim. The experiments so far indicate that the only function of the male, so far as marine life is concerned is to counteract the action of calcium and potassium which are present in sea water.

We need hardly say that the available data are yet too few to warrant any generalization from them, but the potentiality of the new field of inquiry is very great. It seems too soon to say, as the Herald does, that the experiments show chemical action to be the origin of life, for all they have done is to show that artificial means may be substituted at a certain stage for natural means. They also suggest that the expression "fertilization of the ovum" may be a mistake, and that the origin of life must be sought within the ovum itself; also that the true function of the female is reproduction and of the male protection.

We concede to Mr. McPhillips the lady's privilege; but must request that hereafter when any gentleman disagrees with anything that may be said in these columns he will take something less than eleven feet of space to say so.

The Ashcroft Journal is agitating for amendments to the act affecting placer mining. As the law stands at present there is extreme danger of the claim-holder forfeiting title through some inadvertence or failure to comply with the complicated regulations. It is claimed that by giving crown grants to placer ground the existing grievance would be removed.

"If the miners wanted an eight-hour day they should be content with an eight-hour wage," says the Nelson Miner. That seems a reasonable proposition; but as a matter of fact they did not want the eight-hour day; there was no agitation for it. The disturbing measure was presented to them without solicitation by the Semlin-Cotton combination.

The Rossland Miner addresses an invitation to the capitalists of Eastern Canada to assist in developing the resources of the Kootenay country. In this the Miner is engaged in a very laudable task, and it is to be hoped that its efforts will be successful; but it is quite certain that the mineral deposits on this Island will, when their value is properly appreciated, secure a very large share of the attention of the capitalists investing in British Columbia.

The Province thinks that one result of the business men's excursion to the Boundary and Kootenay countries will be the discovery of the fact that the Coast cities are greatly handicapped in the race for the trade of those rapidly developing districts by the routes at present available. The need of more direct connections has long been apparent, and had it not been for the repudiation policy of the Semlin-Cotton government, complaint on that score would ere this have been removed by the construction of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern railway.

The great publishing firm of Harper Bros. has failed. It had been in existence eighty years. The men who founded it were three brothers named Harper, all of whom passed away years ago, leaving the business as a legacy to their sons. The publications of the house were Harper's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Bazaar and numerous other valuable literary works, besides the books of many popular authors. The failure has taken everyone by surprise. The liabilities are \$5,000,000. The business will be carried on under new control.

A correspondent of the Times says: It reflects little credit on the Fifth Regiment band if they accept anything from the funds of the patriotic concert. It is only in justice to the band that the facts should be stated. The band have been in the habit of giving Saturday night concerts in aid of their fund for several winters; nevertheless, when it was proposed that they should surrender last Saturday night to the patriotic concert, Mr. Finn at once said they would do so without any compensation. As was proper, the matter was referred to Lieut.-Col. Gregory, whose duty as commanding officer requires him to see that the interests of the band are protected, and he frankly said that he hardly saw his way clear to assent to such an arrangement, and it was thereupon decided unanimously by the committee to donate \$35 to the band to make up the loss which their fund would otherwise sustain by reason of their giving up their regular concert.

PRESS OPINION.

CAPITALISTS, ATTENTION!

As the gold of California revivified and made prosperous the entire American continent, so the constantly increasing stream of precious metals coming from the mines of British Columbia will spread prosperity throughout the whole Dominion. We want English and Eastern Canadian capital to assist us in developing the resources of the country, but we are in a manner independent of their aid. It is to their advantage far more than to our own that they should come here. We have the wealth, and it would be a matter of profit to them that they should accept the opportunity offered them of investing their money where an assured return is promised them.—Rossland Miner.

EXCURSION TO BOUNDARY.

The Coast merchants will obtain, through the excursion of next week, a fine opportunity of looking into the business condition of the Boundary and Kootenay countries. The courtesy and goodwill shown by the C. P. R. Company in this way are worthy of all praise. But the excursionists will probably find the most striking feature of the situation in the handicap which the routes impose on the Coast cities in this matter of interior trade, and they will doubtless return

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with a sharper sense of the need of more direct connections. Still even with the present facilities they may find business opportunities which do not appear to the looker-on from a distance.—Province.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

If the miners wanted an eight-hour day they should be content with an eight-hour wage. No one pressed them to ask for the shorter day; it was given in their own desire or in their own behalf, and the owners had neither part nor lot in it. How, then, can it be said that they are cutting down the daily wage. * * * If the owners choose to have their business run for them by miners, to have both the day and the pay regulated for them without the least regard to their own wishes or the least consideration for their own interests, that is their affair; but if they have the spirit to resent it and to stand up and make a fight in their own defence, the miners should be above countenancing statements deliberately intended to place them in a false light.—Nelson Miner.

PLACER MINING LAWS.

It is, so far as we can learn, the desire of all placer miners in Cariboo and Omineca to have a fair and equitable law passed, so that title may be obtained to placer ground. * * * Taxes may be placed and ample safeguards thrown around the acquirement of title, but give a crown grant to placer ground. All men interested in this subject should assist in bringing about this change in the mining laws.—Ashcroft Journal.

ONTARIO'S ASPIRATION.

Without any jealousy of the West, we should like Ontario to retain her position as the banner province of Canada. That can be done by the vigorous development of northern Ontario.—Toronto Globe.

THE NEW ALLIANCE.

It is very proper to have a good understanding between the United States, Great Britain and Germany, the three great nations of Tonicic basis; but there will be no "tripartite alliance," No formal treaty is desired or will be attempted. There is a stronger bond in goodwill than in parchment.—Portland Oregonian.

IRISHMEN RELIEVED.

The announcement is made that Lord Ardilaun has bought the Muckross Abbey estate, which includes the approaches to the famous Lakes of Killarney. This will relieve the minds of those who feared that the estate might fall into the hands of some American millionaire, who would exclude tourists from one of the most beautiful spots on the face of the earth. The head of the great brewing firm is a public-spirited man, and may be depended upon to enlarge rather than encroach upon the public rights.—Montreal Gazette.

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[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

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9:30 a.m.	9.7 feet.	10:40 a.m.	10.1 feet.
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Should Be Repaired.—The gravel approach to the Gorge bridge has caved in, making a very dangerous hole. It should be repaired at once.
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Petition for Wagon Road.—A petition has been forwarded to the provincial government asking for the construction of a wagon road from Quesnelle Forks to Stuart's Lake. All the wholesale dealers in Vancouver have signed the petition and it has also received the unanimous support of the board of trade of that city. This road being built, it is contended that a very good route will be given to parties going into the Omineca country. The Ashcroft board of trade and merc-

ants have also petitioned the government for the building of this portion of road.
All the tourists stay at the International Hotel, 40 Johnson street.
Bible Instruction.—The Bishop of Columbia is announced to hold a course of Bible instruction in the cathedral during Advent, on Tuesday afternoons at 3 o'clock, commencing to-day.
Date Fixed.—In Supreme court chambers yesterday, December 14 was named as the date for the trial of the election petition of Stoddard vs. Prentice. In Mitchell vs. Comstock Liberty was given to proceed with the action.
Mansion House Fund.—The Victoria Mansion House fund committee met yesterday at Col. Gregory's office. There were present Mayor Redfern, Col. Gregory, W. R. Wilson, C. H. Luzzini and L. T. E. Pooley. The gross receipts of Saturday evening's concert were 752.50, of which \$532.45 was received at the door, \$190 in response to the "Pay!—Pay!—Pay!" chorus and \$30.05 from the sale of Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley's poem.

Natural History Society.—A crowded meeting of the above society was held last night, when Lieut. Danneberg, of H. M. S. Leander presented a paper entitled "Oceanography." Owing to the extremely interesting and instructive character of the paper, it is hoped that a summary of it will appear in next Sunday's Colonist for the benefit of those not fortunate enough to have personally heard it.

Friendly Help.—The monthly meeting of the Friendly Help will be held at the usual time and place to-day.
Police Court Business.—Yesterday's police court record was of a very diversified character, only petty offenders, however, facing the magisterial frown. Four deserters from Her Majesty's navy were transferred to their respective commanders; the case of Sam Hop Fong, under the Health by-law, was remanded; two white men were fined for drunkenness; an assault case was withdrawn; and Frank Neulin was discharged from custody, there being no evidence to connect him with a supposed theft in regard to which he had been arrested.

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Bible Instruction.—The Bishop of Columbia is announced to hold a course of Bible instruction in the cathedral during Advent, on Tuesday afternoons at 3 o'clock, commencing to-day.

Date Fixed.—In Supreme court chambers yesterday, December 14 was named as the date for the trial of the election petition of Stoddard vs. Prentice. In Mitchell vs. Comstock Liberty was given to proceed with the action.
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Work on the Coast Mines.

A Resume of What Has Been Done During the Past Season.

Report That Another Effort Is to Be Made on Alberni Consolidated.

The following is a brief synopsis of work which has been performed on mineral claims on the West Coast of Vancouver Island during the past year:

Near the wharf at San Juan harbor, and on the Gordon river, which empties into San Juan, there has probably been about \$2,000 expended in some shallow work on prospects.
At the W. W. W. a force of miners have been working since early in the spring. About 30 tons of rich ore has been stoped down and packed 10 miles to the beach, whence it was shipped to the Tacoma smelter.

On the Golden Eagle a force of men have been working the entire year.
On the Consolidated Alberni a test run was made in the spring under a lease, after which the mine was closed down, although the test gave fairly satisfactory results.
At the Regina the owners were engaged in prospecting work for several months.

At the Lake Shore group on Anderson lake about \$1,500 was expended in development work during the summer, and it is proposed to resume operations there shortly.

On the Hanson group, adjoining the Hayes mine, a force of men have been engaged prospecting during the fall, and are still at work.

On Sprout lake several mineral claims were located during the past year.

A small force of men were engaged during a portion of the summer, prospecting the Blue Bell group, near Snug Basin, Uchekleset harbor.

A small force of men were employed prospecting a group of claims in the same vicinity owned by a Nanaimo syndicate, and locally known as the Stark group.

Considerable prospecting has been done on Granite creek near the W. W. W. group, more especially the Golden Slipper, owned by H. S. Law and others of Alberni.

A small force of men were working during a portion of the year on the Pansy Blossom mineral claim, near the townsite of Alberni.

The owners of the Thistle group near Alberni were engaged in further prospecting that property.

Near Uchelet quite a little stir was made relative to the discovery of gold in black sand, and several offers made to work the same and save the values.

Around Clayquot Sound more extensive development work has been carried on than in any other camp on the West Coast. On Trout river the Helga Mining Company have been working a force of men under a contract, continuously.

The Castle group of mineral claims on Bear river, near the head of Redwell Sound, and the New York group, in the same vicinity, have had forces of men employed continuously since February last, performing development work.

On the Samania group, in the same camp, some development work was done during the fall.

Prospectors have also been performing their assessment work on other claims near Bear river, and some exploration of the upper river to a point about 23 miles above salt water was attempted during the summer. In that locality some rich quartz outcroppings were discovered carrying free gold, but reported as being the outcroppings of very narrow veins, the value of which is quite problematical.

On Deer creek, at the head of Tofino Inlet, the Jumbo mineral claim has been undergoing development work since last March.

Assessment work has generally been done on other mineral claims on Deer creek.

On Tranquille creek, which empties into Tofino Inlet, a force of men have been employed on development work on a group of claims known as the General Ashton property.

On Kennedy lake the Rose Marie Mining Company have been vigorously prospecting the development work, and have also installed a concentrating plant, having, after a great deal of difficulty, succeeded in transporting the machinery up the rapids between salt water and the lake.

Late in the fall an English syndicate bought the Jones and Kincaid property on Sydney Inlet, and it is reported that a Scotch syndicate has purchased the Anacoda group, in the same district.

On Quinsino Sound a San Francisco company have been carrying on development work in opening up coal seams. Some of this coal has been tested for steaming purposes on the steamers of the C. P. N. Co., but the results were not particularly satisfactory, because the coal furnished was merely from the surface and had considerable slate and foreign material mixed with it. It was

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City Council
In Session.

Ald. Beckwith Moves to Give
New Police Chief a Living Salary.

Local Monuments to Raise Before Money Sent to Help Toronto.

Just an even hour was required for the transaction of all business before the city council yesterday evening, the only debate of the session arising upon the point as to whether the foreman light-trimmer should or should not be called upon to care for his own horse; while the most important feature of the evening's proceedings developed out of the report of the electric light committee, in which the placing of the light on the Songhees Indian reservation was recommended—when funds permit—and it was suggested that during the months of November, December, January and February the lighting plant should be operated all night—the "moonlight schedule"—being observed during the remaining eight months of the year. The extra expense of all-night lighting in these four named months is estimated at \$1,200, whereas if the plant was operated all night long the whole year round, the additional cost would be in the neighborhood of \$2,500. As the council was about to adjourn, Ald. Humphrey brought up the question of the Port Angeles ferry proposition, inquiring as to whether or not the promoters of the ferry were desirous of having the by-law completed in so far as the council are concerned, and presented for ratification by the property owners. Ald. MacGregor replied that President Cushing and other gentlemen prominently identified with the project are expected back from Boston about the 10th of the present month, and will be in Victoria shortly thereafter to make known their wishes. It being admitted that the interests are suffering by the delay, the by-law was ordered to stand over until Mr. Cushing and his associates return.

With respect to the proposal of Ald. MacGregor, looking to the taking of a second mortgage security from the Victoria & Sidney railway, for the proportion of the cost of the road assumed by the city of Victoria, Hon. C. A. Semlin, provincial secretary, wrote as follows:

Sir: Re Victoria and Sidney Railway Co. I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 25th instant, with enclosure and state that the request of the city council that the government should direct the attention of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company to section 9 of the act of incorporation, and that the company, with a view to the compliance by the company of the provisions thereof, will receive consideration.

With regard to the further requirement that the company should furnish "to the corporation detailed and better and more accounts of the earnings and expenditures of the company," I have to remark that I am unaware of the nature of the accounts received by the corporation, and I am, therefore, unable to form any idea as to what the corporation should be required to furnish. Under subsection 6 of section 44 of the "British Columbia Railway Act," the company is required to transmit an annual report, and I should like to be informed under what authority the demand for an account of the character aforesaid should be made.

At the same time I would suggest the desirability of the corporation preparing a form which, when completed by the company, would contain the particulars required in respect of earnings and expenditure, etc.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
C. A. SEMLIN,
Provincial Secretary.

In moving the reference of this communication to the city solicitors, Ald. MacGregor contended that the city had a perfect right to know where its annual contribution of \$9,000 goes to, and that a detailed statement could in perfect fairness be asked for—a statement not alone of the revenue of the road, but of expenditures as well. It appeared that while there had been no appreciable increase in the earnings of the road, the expenditure had almost doubled. This was a matter concerning which the city was entitled to information.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Hayward, who thought the letter from the provincial secretary might be taken as the natural sequence of the council's action in the premises. As he understood it, Hon. Mr. Semlin, in the first part of his communication, agreed to the granting of the mortgage security.

Ald. Brydon regarded the questions involved as requiring consideration by a special committee of the council rather than by the solicitors—this committee taking advice upon any matters of law involved from the solicitors.

The same view was held by the Mayor. No amendment was offered, however, and the communication went to the solicitors for a report.

To the city solicitors was also referred a letter from E. Holmes, urging the improvement of the sidewalk and the drain on Putnam street between Chambers and Fernwood road; while the finance committee are asked to report upon a request from the P. C. A. for a small annual grant, in consideration of which they propose to waive their right to share in the fines collected in police court cases of cruelty. Twenty-five dollars has been the amount of the council's contribution to the society heretofore.

The finance committee will also be asked to report upon a request for a donation toward the erection of a \$2,500 monument in Memorial Park, Toronto, in honor of the eight hundred or more British soldiers buried there, who died during the early days of Canada, when Toronto was "muddy York" and Lord Simcoe was governor. Toronto had contributed \$250 toward the proposed monument, according to the letter from Secretary J. K. Gray, and it was hoped that all other cities and citizens of Canada would also subscribe.

It was Ald. Stewart who moved a resolution to the finance committee for report.

Mayor Redfern remarked in passing that \$250 seemed a very small subscription from the city of Toronto. Considering the fact that the monument was estimated to cost but \$2,500 and to adorn one of Toronto's parks, he thought it strange that it should have been found necessary to go outside of Toronto for the money.

This view of the matter was concurred in by Ald. Humphrey.

Ald. Williams maintained that Victoria's council, before lending aid to the beautifying of Toronto's cemeteries, should see what can be done toward reclaiming from ruins the last resting place of the pioneers of British Columbia—the old graveyard on Quadra street. Ross Bay cemetery was also sadly in need of some attention, and he hoped would receive it before any Victoria money was sent abroad for a similar purpose.

Police Commissioner Clerk Francis Page

submitted a resolution of that body, suggesting that in view of his long service to the city, retiring Chief of Police Henry W. Sheppard be engaged as Chinook interpreter in the city court.

This communication, at the suggestion of His Worship, was tabled for subsequent consideration.

Ald. Beckwith, while the subject was before the council, took occasion to comment upon the proposal to fix the salary of chief of police at \$100 per month. As the appointment would probably be made during the current year, and the members of the present aldermanic board were therefore in a sense concerned in it, he felt justified in declaring himself of opinion that it would be a great mistake to think of fixing the salary attaching to so important an office at \$100.

"You can't go into that matter now, Ald. Beckwith," interjected His Worship.

Ald. Beckwith insisted that as the appointment would probably be made this month it was no more than right that the members of the board should express themselves upon the question. For his part, he thought the people of Victoria wanted the very best man who could be got for the position, and did not object to paying such a man a suitable salary.

"Hear, hear," said Ald. Humphrey.

The city solicitors recommended the payment of Wallace Craig's damage claim of \$17.25, the council adopting the suggestion. No solicitors also reported that alteration of the by-law requirements respecting the moving of buildings was purely a matter of discretion for the council to deal with. This latter report was taken in conjunction with a communication from the building inspector, which read as follows:

Gentlemen: In reply to your communication of the 25th instant, I have the honor to report as follows:

With regard to value of building: In my opinion there should be no arbitrary power given to the fire wardens to say whether any building is worth moving or not, for there might be many a small building of less than the present required value, which could be moved to advantage, whilst there might be other buildings, of much greater value, which it would not be advisable to move, owing to their construction, or on account of wires or other obstructions which might be in the way. No building should be moved from one place to another within the fire limits.

For the above reasons I think clauses 21, 26 and 27 of the Buildings By-law No. 141, should be amended.

In my opinion the required fee of \$10 should remain as at present.

Your obedient servant,
WM. W. NORTHOTT,
Building Inspector.

These reports were received and filed, the recommendations to be presented later in by-law form.

Various other matters of routine followed, and were summarily disposed of. Market Superintendent Johnson reported receipts for November, 1899, at \$130,435, his report going on file; the city solicitors reported unfavorably upon the damage claim of Mrs. E. B. Carmichael, their report being approved; and the finance committee was asked to report upon a letter from the water commissioner with respect to a service on Barnet street, the desired service being warmly championed by Ald. MacGregor, while Ald. Humphrey asserted that the water works, than the one referred to, were equally entitled to consideration.

In his weekly report on minor matters within his jurisdiction, City Engineer Topp said:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration: Re communication from J. W. Coleman, asking permission to plant trees on Blanchard and Pioneer streets. I would recommend the request be granted, location of trees to be as follows: Pioneer street, two feet from outer edge of sidewalk; and Blanchard street, in line with large poles; none to be placed at the intersection of the two lines mentioned.

Communication from Mr. W. Emory, re removal of steps on North Penrose street. In the examination the walk in question, and if it is decided to remove the steps, would recommend some rock be removed wide enough to receive sidewalk, and finished off with gravel surface. Total estimated cost, \$60.

Communication from Mr. Thomas Shott, re condition of Foul Bay Road. In my opinion the road in question decidedly requires attention, and after due examination, would recommend same be repaired, providing gravel can be obtained; estimated cost, \$35.

Mr. McDowell, re ditch on Langford street, Victoria West. I have examined this locality and find above ditch in very bad condition, the trouble being the small grade owing to bed rock. I would recommend a box be constructed a distance of 150 feet; estimated cost, \$22.

Re sidewalk on Craigflower Road. I may be mistaken, but I believe the sidewalk on this street is in accordance with the first instructions of your honorable body. Attached please find plan of Catharine street, Victoria West, between Esquimalt and Frederick streets, showing fences and buildings encroaching on street.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
C. H. TOPP,
City Engineer.

"Is there any money for those works?" asked Ald. Stewart?

The Mayor replied that at present there was not.

Ald. Stewart, in view of the fact that another report of similar character had been tabled a week ago, to await funds, moved that this take a similar course.

Ald. Hayward sought information with regard to the plan and Catherine street. It was a serious matter if fences and buildings encroached on the street as alleged, and one requiring immediate investigation.

The Mayor observed—on reference to the plan—that the buildings described as the "fire hall," projects ten feet or more on the street; another building extended quite to the centre of the street.

As funds did not appear available for these very necessary small improvements, Ald. Kinsman suggested that some night the work be taken out of the appropriation for harbor purposes, which would not be required—Ald. Williams agreed that these small repairs should not be delayed.

The Mayor proposed a special meeting at an early date; and

Ald. Beckwith advised—if the question of Catherine street was to be taken up—that the members of the board should take a look at the ground.

From the electric light committee came the following report, serious consideration of which was ordered:

Gentlemen: Your electric light committee having considered lights, beg to report and recommend as follows:

Re vacancy at lighting station—That Mr. Davis be reinstated.

We would also recommend that the horse used by the foreman lamp trimmer be boarded at a livery stable, as we understand that a man who trims 60 lamps and keeps 240 in repair will have no time to attend to a horse.

Re light on Indian reserve—We would recommend that one light be placed there. Estimated cost if Great Northwestern Telegraph Company's poles are used, \$155; if city place their own poles, estimated cost, \$210.

Running all night—We would recommend that the lighting plant be run all night during the months of November, December, January and February, and on a moon schedule during the rest of the year; estimated extra cost \$1,200; if run all night the whole year, estimated cost, \$2,500.

WM. HUMPHREY.

T. A. BRYDON.

Electric Light Committee.

Item one passed without objection. On No. 2 Ald. MacGregor entered a lengthy protest. He could not see why this head trimmer (receiving a higher salary) should not find time to care for his horse in the same was as other corporation

servants. He regarded it as throwing away money to take this horse out of the city's good barn and pay for its board at a livery stable.

The question was energetically and dispassionately debated by Ald. Kinsman, Beckwith and Humphrey, the latter closing with a calculation that if he took but six minutes going to and cleaning each lamp, the foreman trimmer would require eight hours for his street work. Besides this, he had 240 lamps to keep in repair, and if he was required to care for the horse as well, the logical sequence was that some of the lamps must be neglected. Indeed this would account for some recent complaints in regard to lamps.

The item passed.

As for the Indian reservation light, Ald. Humphrey explained that it was proposed to place it would show down on the tide flat, and also connect with the light at Esquimalt road.

It was passed without objection—to be provided when funds permit.

As for the moonlight schedule, Ald. Humphrey explained that it was in vogue in a number of the large American cities. Ald. Williams, who moved the adoption of the committee's recommendation in this regard, observed that the lights should be turned on earlier these dark, autumnal evenings.

Appropriations for the week to the amount of \$4,558.20 were passed for payment, and the meeting closed with a passing reference to the Port Angeles ferry proposal.

After Ald. MacGregor had explained that President Cushing and his associates would be here about the 10th of the month,

Ald. Humphrey proposed that there should be a time limit upon these gentlemen. He suggested that they be allowed until next Monday and no longer in which to say whether or not they desired the council to proceed with the by-law.

Ald. MacGregor disapproved of such summary proceedings.

Ald. Beckwith had heard that President Cushing had already returned to the Angeles—and was told that he had been misinformed.

"Well, is anyone taking any harm by this standing over?" asked Ald. Kinsman.

"The Mayor did not think so."

"Then," said Ald. Kinsman, "let's adjourn?"

And the council rose.

FIFTEEN DAYS FOR KISSING.

Yale Student and the Girl in the Case Each Sentenced to Imprisonment.

A New Haven, Conn., despatch tells the interesting story of how Stephen Lawrence, of the law school, is the first Yale undergraduate in fifty years to be sentenced to gaol. Mr. Lawrence was this morning sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment for the crime of kissing a pretty girl. The unrelenting judge sentenced the girl also to 15 days' imprisonment. Mr. Lawrence has appealed to the superior court and furnished bonds for their appearance.

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GOLF MATCH.

Victoria Defeated the United Service at Oak Bay Links Saturday.

The match on the Oak Bay Links played between the Victoria and United Service golf clubs on Saturday resulted in the Victoria team winning by 41 holes. Below are the scores:

VICTORIA.

Holes.

W. Gilles 7

W. C. Beer 7

Rev. H. S. Deacon 9

Rev. H. S. Wans 8

W. H. Langley 8

6 G. H. Barnard 8

2 A. Coles 8

3 C. P. Linton 8

3 C. J. Luxton 8

3 C. J. Peters 8

3 J. H. Seadine 8

3 F. H. Stirling 8

3 H. Combe 8

3 A. C. Underwood 8

3 R. Jinkin 8

Total 11

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SIX DAY WHEELING.

New York, Dec. 3.—Another six day bicycle race started at 12 o'clock to-night at Madison Square Garden.

Thirty-eight men lined up for the opening pistol, which was fired by James J. Jeffries, the pugilist.

The present race is radically different from former six day contests, because of the law passed by the legislature prohibiting continuous six day races. Each rider in this race will ride 12 hours out of the 24.

The Garden record under the old system for six day continuous riding is 2,100 miles. For 12 hours a day, it is 1,500 miles. The record of this race should be well up to 3,000 miles.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating is relieved by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

DISASTERS OF A CENTURY.

Defeats Bravely Endured by Great Britain and Retrieved in a Terrible Manner.

The reverse which befell Sir George White, at Nicholson's Nek is in every way less serious than many defeats which we have suffered in the last hundred years. We are apt, it may be, to despise our enemies, and sometimes have to pay a bitter price for our contempt. Exactly a hundred years ago, in the summer of 1799, an allied force of 25,000 Britishers and 17,000 Russians invaded Holland, then under the virtual rule of France. The incompetent Duke of York was in command. On September 19th a battle was fought at Alkmaar, in which the British were so badly defeated that the Russians suffered a severe check, with the consequence that quarrels at once broke out between the allies, each of whom found fault with the other.

The generalship of the Duke of York and the ignorance of his officers were so hopeless that the soldiers lost heart. On October 2nd a doubtful battle was fought; four days later, the allies gained a doubtful victory at the cost of very heavy loss. Negotiations followed, in which to save his men the Duke of York had to surrender 8,000 prisoners to the enemy, being permitted in exchange to embark his force without molestation. The whole affair was discreditable, and greatly injured the reputation of the British army.

Not for some years was there another really bad reverse. But in 1806 General Beresford, with 1,700 men garrisoning Buenos Ayres, was attacked by the Spaniards in overwhelming force. There was a short, but fierce struggle, in which Beresford lost 250 men of his little force, was surrounded and compelled to surrender.

He had under his orders some of our best Generals, notably Crauford, who afterwards made for himself such a name in the Peninsula—and some of the finest troops in the British army. But the important question of supplies was neglected by him. When the troops came into contact with the enemy General White's instead of being on the battlefield held aloof. Crauford at the head of the Rifle Brigade forced his way to the outskirts of the town and might have carried it.

But at the psychological moment no commander-in-chief was at hand to order up reinforcements and storm the last Spanish positions. Two days were allowed to pass in disorganised indecision, and then eight weak columns were ordered to enter the place at widely separate points. The result, as might have been expected, was that the 45th and 88th Regiments and the whole Light Brigade were compelled to surrender. The British army lost over a thousand killed and wounded, and 1,000 prisoners.

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enemy. The defeat occurred through the too open order assumed by the British force who made no use of the shelter of the wagons, and did not form in laager.

Some months later on July 27th, 1880 came the defeat of a British detachment by the Afghans at Malwand. The British force, including native troops was 2,500 strong. It was attacked by at least 10,000 Afghans, with thirty well-served guns, and was gradually overwhelmed by force of numbers. The native troops were demoralized by having to stand still under the enemy's artillery fire, and precipitated the disaster by running away.

Our losses were 964 killed and 167 wounded. Two Royal Artillery guns and five smooth-bore, which did not belong to the Royal Artillery, were taken. But the two Royal Artillery weapons which fell, fell gloriously, inasmuch as the gunners did their duty to the very last, and fought them till the enemy were at the very muzzles.

Of Maljuba, of the Inzogo, and of Laing's Nek we will not speak. They are fresh in the memory of all.

From a study of this list of catastrophes—and all things considered it is not a long one—the Englishman of to-day will draw his own conclusions. He will see that in the past his country has bravely faced defeat and retrieved it. He will perceive that the common soldier has rarely failed in the hour of crisis; it is the general who has usually gone astray. And he will rise with the conviction that Britain like Rome of old, "per damna per caedes ab ipso ducti opes antinimque ferro," and never falters, whatever the loss and whatever the disaster.—H. W. Wilson, in London Daily Mail.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

- 3-Birdenage Walk and Superior street James Bay.
- 4-Carr and Simcoe streets, James Bay.
- 5-McLachlan and Menzies streets, James Bay.
- 6-Menzies and Niagara streets, James Bay.
- 7-Montriel and Kingston streets, James Bay.
- 8-Montriel and Simcoe streets, James Bay.
- 9-Dallas Road and Simcoe street, James Bay.

- 14-Vancouver and Burdette avenue.
- 15-Douglas and Humboldt streets.
- 16-Hubbs and Rupert streets.
- 21-Yates and Broad streets.
- 22-Port and Government streets.
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- 24-Hudson and Government streets.
- 25-Douglas street, between Port and View streets.
- 27-No. 1 Fire Hall, Pandora street.
- 28-View and Blanchard streets.
- 32-Port and Quadra streets.
- 31-Yates and Cook streets.
- 32-Cadboro and Stanley avenue.
- 33-Junction of Oak Bay and Cadboro roads.
- 37-Cadboro and Richmond roads.
- 41-Quadra and Pandora streets.
- 42-Chatnam and Blanchard streets.
- 43-Caledonia and Cook streets.
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- 51-Douglas and Discovery streets.
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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND.

Mr. W. B. Wilson, superintendent of the Le Roi, met with a painful accident yesterday that will lay him up for some time. Mr. Wilson was in one of the stopes on the 700-foot level, and was directing the work of putting in some timbers. While walking away from the stopes into a hole that had been made for a timber, and fell forward on the track. He thinks that his knee must have struck the rail, for the kneecap was fractured horizontally and clean across. Mr. Wilson was removed to the private hospital, where his injury was given a temporary dressing as a preliminary to an operation which will be performed at 10 o'clock this morning by Dr. H. D. Senior, assisted by Dr. W. L. Couthard and Dr. Duncan Campbell. The operation will be similar to that performed on the kneecap of Mr. W. A. Carlyle when he fell in front of the skating rink and fractured his kneecap. The fractured parts of the kneecap were fastened together with silver wire passed through holes bored in the bones. The operation on Mr. Carlyle was very successful, and this was shown by the fact that he entirely recovered the use of his limb and walked with only a very slight limp.

On Saturday evening at 4:30 two seven-pound all-wool blankets, worth \$8.50, were stolen from the front of the store of Mr. S. A. Hartman. The loss was reported to Officer Bradshaw, and a couple of hours afterwards he returned the blankets to the store and had the man suspected of stealing them in custody. The blankets were found hidden away under a barn on First avenue, between Washington and Spokane streets. The man suspected of stealing the blankets was found in a neighboring saloon. At the police station he gave his name as William Johnson.

Mr. J. L. Morris, manager of the Velvet and Portland, is in the city from Sophie Mountain and reports that work is progressing along the usual lines on both these properties. The main adit on the Velvet is now in for a distance of 415 feet and is nearing the ledge. Drifting is now done on the 250-foot level, and the showing of ore here is excellent. On the Portland the tunnel is now in for a distance of 140 feet, and the shaft has reached a depth of 100 feet. In the shaft 10 feet of ore has been met, and it is of a high grade, assaying \$100 to the ton. This ore carries both copper and gold. The Portland gives promise of being a mine of more than ordinary richness.

Mr. H. B. Smith returned a few days ago from a visit to Ymir, where he was engaged in doing some mining for the Ymir Gold Mining Company. He reports that the mill and mine are running to their full capacity. The mill is running night and day, and the mine is taking plenty of ore out of the mine to keep it in operation. The company, he reports, is experiencing no trouble in securing all the men that are needed. In fact they have been compelled to turn away some, as there were more applicants than there were places for. The company seems to have implicit faith in the future of the mine. They have erected a splendid 40-stamp mill, which is to be increased soon to 80 stamps. In addition to this, large boarding houses, offices, etc., have been put up. The company recently purchased 30 acres around the mill, and are going ahead with everything on an extensive scale. Altogether the section around Ymir is in a very prosperous condition.

A meeting of the directors of the Norway Mountain Gold & Copper Mining Company, Mr. Griswold, who is in charge of the work on the properties of the company, reported that he was now sinking on as fine a lead of free-milling quartz as he could wish for. He said that he had enough provisions and supplies for all winter for his present force. He also reported having erected on the Mohien claim, near the shaft, a black-smith shop, commodious log house large enough to accommodate a much larger crew than the present. He expects to go down 100 or 150 feet during the winter, and then drift preparing for stopping ore for the stamp mill and concentrator. He emphasized his faith in the property by subscribing to 20,000 shares. Others followed suit, and 50,000 shares were subscribed before the meeting adjourned.

Mr. P. R. Mendenhall yesterday sold to the British-American Corporation an 80-horse-power boiler to be used in the Nickel Plate property. The water of late has been coming into the property at a rapid rate, and the power generated in the boiler will be used to pump this water from the workings. Several of the properties of the camp have recently been bothered by surface water. This will cease to be the case to a large extent as soon as the first frost hardens the ground and prevents the surface water from running.—Miner, Nov. 26.

NELSON.

It is safe to say that there are few towns in Canada of the commercial importance of Nelson that have so wretchedly poor mail facilities with the country tributary.

W. H. Bullock-Wheeler, of the provincial police department, will leave for the Coast to-morrow. Before returning to Nelson he will spend a two-months' vacation in England. During his absence the duties of the Nelson office will be discharged by S. A. Kelly, the other stationed at Laramie.

Harold Merton, the old man who has been an inmate of the general hospital for several weeks past, left last evening for the Old Men's Home at Kamloops.

Frederick Allen was before Police Magistrate yesterday upon a charge of vagrancy. Allen is a young man who since his residence in Nelson has evinced a disinclination to work. He made a practice of sleeping in hotel chairs and begging meals from house to house. He was given twenty-four hours to get out of the city.

Mr. Tierney, the general agent of the Galt Coal Company, says that they will not be without a stock of coal at Nelson this winter.

proseque and Harrison was dismissed. The prisoner was accused of a form of assault, but there was no evidence to warrant the case going to trial.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company will give a complimentary excursion to Boundary points on Thursday, December 7. The excursion will mark the opening of the Robson-Pentiction branch as far as it has been completed. An invitation will be extended to the members of the city council to participate in the excursion.

City Clerk Strachan has received several applications from loan and insurance companies doing business in the city asking for copies of the by-laws under which the municipality has imposed the taxes upon them. Though several companies have been heard from, not one has yet paid the tax.

A movement is on foot to establish a society for helping destitute people, to be composed of representatives of the city council and various benevolent or charitable societies. The organization is prompted by the necessity of preventing impostors from securing help where none is deserved.

Dr. Walsh, dentist, recently of New Westminster, has rented offices in the Houston block, and expects to be ready for business by December 1. A meeting of the members of the Nelson Lacrosse-Hockey Club will be held in the fire hall on Thursday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for the formation of the Kootenay league. It is likely that Nelson and Rossland will each have two teams.

It is estimated that there are one hundred teams in Nelson, and not one of them idle. The appeal of Robert Kerr from the conviction of Spenidary Magistrate Turner, by which Kerr was fined \$50 for a breach of the Water Clauses Act in connecting with the city water system without the consent of the municipality, came before Judge Forin yesterday. Judge Forin sustained the conviction of the magistrate, but reduced the penalty from \$50 to \$1 and allowed \$15 costs against the defendant.

According to the Moxie Leader, the mines at Moxie are not to be worked as shipping propositions this winter. Manager Cronin is opposed to any work being done, other than development, until the eight-hour law is settled. In the meantime Mr. Cronin will take his family to Southern California, where they will reside. Mr. Cronin visiting the mine from time to time as development work progresses.

The new owners of the Arlington mine, on Springer creek, in lower Slovan district, are making more than expenses out of the mine. Thirty odd men are employed, and the union scale of wages is paid.—Tribune, Nov. 28.

KAMLOOPS.

This winter promises to be the most brisk in the history of the camp. Reports of a deal on the Iron Mask are still persistent, but have not been verified.

It is more than probable that the Pot-hook will re-commence work this winter on a larger scale. The Mollie Gibson, owned by Mr. Andrew Noble of the North river, is a promising claim near Jamieson creek, the latest assays showing \$8.50 in gold and \$2 in silver. The work that has been done on it so far is encouraging, and worth prospecting next year.

A recent assay from the Pole Star showed \$9 in gold and \$24 in silver. The Pole Star is situated near Noble's creek and has a very fair showing for the work done. The matter from which the assay was made is from a ledge from 8 to 12 feet in height.

Systematic development work will be carried on on quite a number of properties, including the Kimberley mine, the Hecla group, the Python mine, the Glen Iron mine, Copper King mine, the Hill-top, and possibly the Tenderfoot, as well as other claims and prospects.—Standard.

FERNIE.

George Gouin, who was shot by his partner in Calgary a short time ago, is progressing favorably, and his ultimate recovery is now said to be quite probable.

Mr. C. J. Digby is shipping large quantities of sawed timber to Sparwood and other points East.

Mr. R. L. Henderson shot a horned owl one day this week which measured 51 inches from tip to tip of its wings.

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The New Westminster Creamery Society, Ltd., have secured the services of Mr. Averill as butter-maker. Mr. Averill is very highly recommended, and no doubt under his management the company will have increased success.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. William Atkinson, of Vancouver, wedded Miss Nellie Kipp, one of Chilliwack's fair daughters. The interesting ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. White at the residence of Mr. Isaac Kipp, the father of the bride, in the presence of a large company composed of members of the family and a few intimate friends. Manassah V. J. Commons of the Mount Baker Mines was in town last week. He started on the return trip yesterday with a pack train carrying the latest instalment of his winter supplies. The trail is getting into bad and even dangerous condition. He was accompanied by Messrs. G. H. W. Ashwell and J. W. Hardy.

The annual meeting of the Washington State Dairyman's Association is to be held at North Yakima, Wash., on the 28th to 30th December. Mr. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, was invited to be present or to secure the attendance of a representative. This has been done, and Mr. H. P. Page of Matsqui, president of the Provincial Dairyman's Association, we are pleased to state, will attend the meeting as the representative of British Columbia. A better selection, in our opinion, could not have been made. Mr. Page being a successful dairyman in his district.—Progress.

NEW DENVER.

New Denver, Nov. 27.—The C. P. R. authorities assert that business is reviving in a most appreciable manner throughout the camp.

Ten-Mile Creek is busier at present than at any time during the year. The prospects are bright for several properties to be working this winter.

C. B. Taylor is making some needful repairs to his hotel at Enterprise Landing, preparatory to re-opening.

The Mansfield Syndicate, who have the Black Hawk group, Ten-Mile, under bond, are getting their camp in shape. They will keep things moving lively during the winter.

A special engine made a record trip here from Nakusp Friday for Dr. Brouse, whose assistance was required for a sudden and severe illness of John Cadden, a C. P. R. engineer.

On December 1 the Frisco, close to town, will be again opened up. It has been twice before under bond, with no tangible result. The new bonders claim to know where the true vein is, the other showing being thought to have been a slip.

The Emily Edith mine, under instructions from Vancouver, has been closed down for the winter, and the superintendent and his family have left Silverton for the States, from where they came. A stabbing affray that came well-nigh having a fatal termination occurred at the Enterprise hotel, Aylwin, on Ten-Mile, last week. Sam Long and a well known character around the lake, called "Kelly the Packer," both of whom were employed in packing on the creek, got into a quarrel, and Kelly, in a fit of rage, struck Long with a knife, inflicting a slight laceration. After a few words Kelly went outside, but soon returned and renewed the quarrel, applying a nasty epithet. Deeming himself menaced, Long struck Kelly, who at once replied with a knife thrust—having had the weapon in readiness—in the chest, just above the heart, and followed it up with another towards the stomach. Long's wound bled profusely, and it was late the next day he had been skilled assistance from Dr. Elliott at Slovan City. The first cut was close to the heart, and another half inch would have been fatal. It was across the chest and required five stitches, while the other was more of a slanting cut. Long is rapidly recovering. As soon as possible an alarm was sent to the police at New Denver, but Kelly had made his escape to the south with the authorities hot on his trail. Kelly bears a hard reputation and has an ugly disposition, which becomes violent with liquor.

Despite the assurance that was given last week of the immediate settlement of the labor difficulty, complications have since arisen to prolong negotiations and make the settlement of a less general character than was at first reported. Just what the difficulty is nobody seems to know, but there is every indication that the matter will be settled and work resumed on the big properties within a week. Since the premature publication of the reported settlement, the union members and the mine managers have been more or less giving information and very little can be learned of their doings, though they are in conference—or, as they would rather put it, "inter-views"—almost daily. The end is surely close at hand, and may be looked for any day.—The Ledger.

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JOSEPH HEANEY, Truck and Drayman—Office 26 Yates street; stables 119 Superior street; Telephone 171.

FUNERAL DIRECTOR & EMBALMERS.
CHAS. HAYWARD, 52 Government street.

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LIVERY AND TRANSFERS.
VICTORIA TRUCK & DRAY CO.—Telephone 13.

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NOVELTY WORKS.
L. HAFER, general machinist, 159 Government street.

STEAM COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS.
STENLER & EARLE, Coffee, spices, mustard and baking powders. Pembroke st., near Government.

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E. F. GEIGER, sanitary plumbing, gas and hot water fitting. Tel. 228.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES.—R. Maynard, 41 Pandora street.—All kinds of photographic material for amateurs and professionals; Kodaks, Picoes, Koronas, Petros, etc. Sam Long, Mrs. R. Maynard's Art Studio; also views of British Columbia and Alaska for sale.

Same Block—Maynard's Shoe and Fitting store, 41 Pandora street; boots, shoes, leather and shoe findings; "K" boots a specialty.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BUTCHERS.
L. Gooden, Contractor by appt to Royal Navy and Dominion Government. Tel. 32.

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ED. LINES, General Scavenger, 236 Yates street.—Yard etc. cleaned. Orders left at Speed Bros., cor. Douglas and Fort streets; Schroeder Bros., corner Michigan and Menzies will be promptly attended to.

PETER HANSEN, city scavenger, teamster and wood dealer. Building sand and gravel for sale. Address, 49 Discovery street. Telephone 184.

Vancouver Business Directory

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JOHN RANKIN, Hastings street.
AUCTION ROOMS AND STOCK BUYER.

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BANK OF MONTREAL.
BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CANNING SUPPLIES.
JOHN LECKIE, 632 Granville street.

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES.
CANADIAN GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED, Vancouver. Electrical Supplies.

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THE BRACKMAN & KIR MILLING CO., Ltd., mill stuffs, etc.

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS.
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HARDWARE.
THOS. DUNN & CO., Ltd., 8 and 10 Cordova street.

Hotels.
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In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

Between:
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND AND INVESTMENT AGENCY, LIMITED,
Plaintiffs,
And
JOSEPH HUNTER and HELEN McLEAN, Executor and Executrix of the will of ALEXANDER McLEAN, deceased, and WILLIAM ALLEN McLEAN,
Defendants.

Upon the application of the plaintiffs and upon hearing the solicitor for the applicants, and upon reading the affidavit of Sydney Child, sworn the 14th day of November, A.D. 1899:

It is ordered that service upon the defendant William Allen McLean of the writ or summons herein by publishing this order, together with the notice herein for ten days in the Victoria Daily Colonist, published at Victoria, B. C., and also by serving a copy of the writ or summons herein on Helen McLean be deemed good and sufficient service on the said William Allen McLean.

It is further ordered that the said defendant do enter an appearance within ten days after the last publication in the said Daily Colonist.

M. W. TYRWHITT DRAKE, J.
This action is brought for foreclosure of a certain mortgage made by Alexander McLean in favor of Sir James Douglas and which has been duly assigned to the plaintiff and dated the 1st day of April, A.D. 1875.

H. B. W. AUKMAN,
Plaintiff's Solicitor.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention to apply to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria at its next sitting, to be held on Wednesday, the 13th day of December next, for a transfer to William Charles Fernerby of the License now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Three Star Saloon, situated at No. 4 Fort Street, in the City of Victoria.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 1899.
W. M. SCOTT.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a company to construct, operate and maintain a line of railway from Victoria, British Columbia, or some other suitable point at or near the southern end of Vancouver Island to Hardy Bay or some other suitable point at or near the northern end of the said Island, with power to construct branch lines to any points that may be selected on the course of the said line, and as part of the said undertaking to acquire, lease or make traffic arrangements with existing railways on the said Island; and to operate and maintain lines of steamships and car ferries between the said line of railway or any of the branches thereof and any points on the said Island; and to construct and maintain wharves and docks, telegraph and telephone lines, with all powers usually granted to railway companies and such other rights and privileges as may be necessary to carry out the object of the company.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., October 12, 1899.
FRANK HIGGINS,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the undersigned at the next sitting of the Licensing Board for ratification of the temporary transfer to the undersigned dated the 25th day of October, 1899, and also the temporary transfer from the undersigned to Harry E. Morton, dated the 31st day of October, 1899, of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the "Garriks Head" saloon, situated on the south side of Bastion street in the city of Victoria. And for a transfer of the said license to the said Harry E. Morton.

Dated the 31st day of October, 1899.
W. M. MONTGOMERY,
Official Administrator, administering the Estate of Michael Powers, Deceased.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 4.—3 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.
The area of high barometrical pressure which for some days has covered this province and the adjoining states and territories has gradually passed to the southeast and is being succeeded by a system of storm areas, accompanied by rain and unsettled weather. In the Northwest the weather has been very cold with minimum temperatures reaching 12 degrees below zero.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	37	48
New Westminster	32	42
Kamloops	34	45
Barkerville	12	36
Calgary	12	40
Winnipeg	12	40
Portland, Ore.	40	44
San Francisco	46	54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to moderate southerly and southeasterly winds; unsettled, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled, with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, Dec. 3.

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.	37	Mean	39
11 a.m.	40	Highest	45
5 p.m.	40	Lowest	33

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	4 miles north.
Noon	8 miles north.
5 p.m.	2 miles north.

Average state of weather—Clear.

Rain—0.

Sunshine—5 hours 48 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.180

Corrected.....29.160

MONDAY, Dec. 4.

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.	37	Mean	43
Noon	48	Highest	48
5 p.m.	46	Lowest	37

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.	12 miles northeast.
Noon	24 miles south.
5 p.m.	1 mile east.

Average state of weather—Cloudy, with showers.

Rain—.03 inches.

Sunshine—0.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.772

Corrected.....29.768

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Louise from Vancouver:

M. Freeman.	Geo. Grant.
W. H. Reid.	Mrs. Sylvester.
A. D. Stephenson.	R. Coulter.
D. A. Smith.	J. Coulter.
S. Kelley.	B. Coulter.
D. Woodward.	D. Coulter.
C. Dallen.	C. Dallen.
M. H. Smith.	Mrs. H. Stephens.
Miss S. Kane.	H. Stephens.
J. Antone.	R. E. Colter.
A. Green.	Miss A. Elliott.
J. Halley.	A. R. Tufts.
— Grant.	Bay. Cannon Paddon.
J. Gillespie.	Mrs. W. Grimmer.

By steamer Queen from "Frisco":

Mrs. O'Neill.	F. O'Neill.
T. B. Hill.	Mrs. H. Dornheimer.
Mrs. Hill.	Mrs. F. J. Taylor.
Miss C. May.	W. S. Wood.
M. M. Smith.	F. Briggs.

CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Louise from Vancouver:

Bissinger & Co.	H. Carmichael.
R. M. Palmer.	H. Carmichael.
J. R. Pemberton.	Henderson Bros.
D. H. Ross & Co.	E. M. & L. Young.
Vic. Lumby & Co.	Brown & Cooper.
T. N. Hibben & Co.	John Tollock.
Jas. Hastie.	J. Y. Griffin.
Hickman Tye H. Co.	Dom. Ex. Co.

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Albion Iron Wks.	M. W. Walt & Co.
C. Morley.	Mrs. F. O. Taylor.
C. A. Haynes.	M. A. Jamieson.
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E. G. Prior & Co.	R. Maynard.
J. S. Saunders & Co.	R. P. Rihet & Co.
Ernie W. & Co.	Baker & Ron.
Fell & Co.	S. Leiser & Co.
P. R. Stewart & Co.	S. Althouse.
A. H. Tilly.	S. Pitts.
C. H. Co.	Sunshine M. Co.
Johns Bros.	Rhos. Earle.
J. Burnside & Co.	Pelton Water W. Co.
J. S. Levy & Co.	Nifty G. H. Hinton.
J. S. W. & Co.	W. E. Brew. Co.
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M. H. H. Gambert.	W. A. Peabody.
Jas. Wilby.	Watson & Hall.
L. Goodacre.	Wilmington H. Co.
S. Dickinson.	R. F. Anderson & Co.
M. R. Smith & Co.	Wells Fargo & Co.

DYNAMITE IN IRELAND.

Report of a Conspiracy to Set Up Anti-British Agitation.

London, Dec. 4.—A Dublin correspondent declares that owing to startling information as to the existence of a dynamite conspiracy in order to quicken the flow of Boer subscriptions, the executive has decided to double the guards at all military barracks in the district.

THE NEW U. S. CONSUL.

London, Dec. 4.—The afternoon newspapers welcome the appointment of Mr. Adelbert F. Hay as United States consul at Pretoria. The St. James' Gazette says: "The appointment of Mr. Hay is one of those small but significantly important signs by which the impartial observer can test the sincerely good feeling between ourselves and the United States."

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A Transfer Of Registry.

British Ship Lord Templeton Was Yesterday Added to Victoria's Shipping.

R. M. S. Empress of China Leaves for the Orient—Warrimoo's Alterations.

The fine steel ship Lord Templeton, 2,048 tons, which was built in Harland & Wolff's yard, Belfast, in 1886, yesterday had her port of registry changed to "Victoria, B.C." She has been recently purchased by Mr. R. P. Rihet, who is now in San Francisco, from which point orders were yesterday forwarded regarding the change. The vessel is intended, it is understood, to be engaged in the sugar trade of the Hawaiian Islands. She is now on her way to San Francisco from Newcastle, having sailed from the latter port in charge of Capt. McCrackin on October 28. The vessel is a large carrier. Her dimensions are: keel, 282.9 feet; beam, 41.10, and hold 23 feet.

THE CHINA SAILS.

The Canadian Pacific Liner Goes Out Well Filled With Cargo and Passengers.

The royal mail steamship Empress of China sailed last evening with a heavy freight for the Orient. She was loaded off the outer wharf by the steamer Queen City and received aboard 92 Chinese from Victoria, giving her a total of some 500 steerage passengers. Her saloon list of passengers is as follows: G. Suzuki, R. Wicks, Mr. Mann, Miss L. Hawley, Miss Lulu Masters, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, G. W. Horne, G. W. Cotlan, A. K. Rhoden, H. Carstens and wife, Mrs. G. (Dr.) Raskin, Mrs. (Dr.) McDonald, Miss Perry, Czar Purisk, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Robinson, J. W. Callander, Mr. Beecher, F. Kimura, S. Yamamoto, R. Roake. There were also 10 intermediate passengers.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

The Queen Lands Freight and Passengers—Fake Story Contradicted.

Steamer Queen got in from San Francisco at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, landing for Victoria ten cabin and eight second class passengers and over 100 tons of freight.

Capt. Jepsen of the Queen and Capt. Wallace, superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, are very indignant over a fake story published regarding the steamer running on the Farallone rocks. Capt. Jepsen says the Queen was never nearer than a mile and a half to the Farallones, and the engineers say that they never got a "stop and back bell" until the steamer was nearing the wharf. Capt. Wallace says the story was made out of whole cloth and the man who could and would write such a cock and bull story should be in a lunatic asylum.

ALTERATIONS TO WARRIMOO.

Australian Liner to Be Docked and Overhauled on Reaching Sydney, N. S. W.

When the Canadian-Australian liner Warrimoo, which sails from here on the 15th instant, reaches Sydney, N.S.W., she goes directly into dock to receive new boilers and a general overhauling, having when last there been docked and her bottom cleaned and painted. The M. S. Aranzhi has already left Sydney for this port, and with the Miowera will carry on the Vancouver-Australian service for the next few months, till the repairs and alterations to the Warrimoo are completed.

WATER FRONT BREVITIES.

Notes of Interest Respecting Local Shipping—Vessels to Arrive and Sail.

Steamer Toyon Maru is due from the Orient.

Steamer Tees is due from Skagway on Sunday next.

Steamer Umatilla sails for San Francisco this evening.

Steamer Umatilla is due from San Francisco on December 9.

Steamer Idzumu Maru is due from China and Japan on the 20th instant.

Steamer Warrimoo sails for Honolulu and Australian ports on December 15.

Owing to her late arrival from the coast the steamer Queen City has been detained and does not leave for the coast until this evening.

Steamer Victorian will arrive at her wharf in the inner harbor at 7:30 this morning and will leave at 8:30.

NEW WAR AIL OFF.

No Truth Whatever in Report of Bargain for Raid on King Menelek's Domains.

Rome, Dec. 4.—The conference here between Marquis Visconti Venosta and Commissioner Martini, the British ambassador, Sir Philip Currie, and Mr. James Renell Rodd, the British consul-general in Egypt, who was special envoy to King Menelek of Abyssinia in 1887, was solely concerned with the delimitation of the frontiers of Erythraea and the Sudan, and the details of frontier arrangements affecting intercourse between the two territories. It was the presence in Italy of Commissioner Martini, who is governor of Erythraea, which suggested the expediency of Mr. Rodd's visit in order to rapidly and verbally arrange matters.

The Associated Press is officially informed that Emperor William of Germany was neither consulted nor interested in the arrangement, which was purely one of boundaries, upon which Italy, more as a matter of courtesy than anything else, was consulted. No element of offensive or defensive alliance was considered, and the reports to that effect published in the United States are officially characterized as absolutely untrue.

FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY.

Paris, Dec. 4.—In the Senate to-day M. Fresneau protested against the signing of the Franco-American convention of July 24 without the knowledge of interested parties such as the chambers of commerce and agriculture. He also said the Senate ought to demand a post-nominate and an examination of the treaty.

Letters to the Editor.

PARTY LINES.

Sir: I took some pains to define the position of the Colonist in my letters, and denied its authority to speak for the Conservatives upon a matter that the Conservatives had settled for themselves; but the Colonist immediately said that it was entitled to its own opinion, which it undoubtedly is. However, it would seem that it has taken heart—because of what some up-country papers have said—equally unauthorizedly—to blossom forth as the exponent of the views of the Victoria Conservatives, as witness the following:

"The great encouraging feature which this discussion has brought out is the unanimity between the Colonist, which speaks for the Victoria Conservatives, the Kamloops Standard, which speaks for those of the Central Interior, and the Nelson Economist, which speaks for those of Kootenay, upon the importance of doing purely provincial issues in the forefront of battle, and of postponing the introduction of federal issues until such time as the public interests demand that they shall be allowed to dominate local politics. In view of this harmony between these important sections of the province, we hope the Conservative element in Vancouver and in sporadic cases elsewhere in the province, which favors the suggested movement, will see that it is wise to allow it to drop into 'innocuous desuetude.' The people do not want federal party lines in the local arena, and what the people do not want it is useless to try to force them to take."

Can anything be more absurd than this? The Conservatives of the province have said one thing, and the Colonist, because of desires of its own, misrepresents the position. Again I say this is untenable. It will behoove the Conservatives to take early occasion to check the dissemination of any such erroneous statements of the position settled upon by the party. You say that the two papers above referred to have pronounced Conservative papers. Well, if they are they have read themselves out of the party as exponents of the views of the Conservatives when they take (if they do) a position opposed to that adopted by the convention. Until the same authority that enacted the declaration for party lines repeats it, it is the declared policy of the Conservatives and must be lived up to.

I notice you remark that the editor of the Kamloops Standard was a delegate to the New Westminster convention. So he was. I am only sorry that we did not have the editor of the Colonist there, and it would have saved, I am sure, a great deal of letter-writing. With regard to the editor of the Standard, all I have to say is that he is honorably bound, as we all are, to keep our sacred engagement—abide by the result of the deliberations of the convention. As editor of the Standard he is not bound; the Conservatives do not own the paper; the Conservatives are unwilling to be misrepresented, and do not want the honor of anyone who attended or was bound by the convention, but please do not let the responsible be advised by the irresponsible. When the Conservatives decide to abandon their decision—if they ever do—it will be, I am sure, publicly declared and there will be no secrecy about it. Considering that the editor of the Colonist did not attend the convention, also considering that in his private capacity it would have been perhaps the last place he would have attended, it indeed is matter for surprise to see such evident foresight displayed as to the wisdom of the decision, and the complete grasp of the local situation—i. e., that the Victoria Conservatives, notwithstanding their adherence to the Conservative union, are against the Colonist. The honor of all Conservatives would be affected if some public denial of the Colonist's statement were not made.

THE BEST ELEMENTS.

A. E. McPHILLIPS.
A member of the Executive of the Conservative Association, Victoria.

Sir: Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper in his letter to the Colonist on Saturday last says:

"Are there not the Semlin-Cotton party, the Turner party, and the Martin party now recognized in provincial politics?"

"As I understand it, there is an intention to introduce into the provincial arena another party, viz., the Liberal-Conservative party, which, let us hope, will yet include the best elements of the above three."

It would seem that Sir Charles wishes, in fact he comes to the conclusion after reading Mr. McPhillips' letter, no doubt, that the Liberal-Conservative party will consist of the "best elements" of the aforesaid named parties.

By analysis this conclusion is no doubt obtained from the fact that as Messrs. Semlin and Cotton are both Conservatives they will fall into line and Mr. Turner having been a consistent follower of the party—although opposed to party lines—will, in a deal is brought about, not strenuously oppose the wish of Sir Hibbert.

Then for the best elements of the Martin party, no doubt Sir Hibbert will fix up with Joe, as the latter has his knife in for Sir John and the Dominion government, it should not be difficult for Joe to persuade his "best elements" to join Sir Hibbert, McPhillips & Company.

Is it not evident that this is the plan laid down? No other conclusion can one come to, for Sir Hibbert says so in the last sentence of his communication. At which time and once again will Mr. McPhillips be proud of his party, and its traditions. CUMTUX.

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Coal Mines Arbitration.

Instructive Evidence by Chinamen Whom New Inspector Had Ordered Out.

White Miners Satisfied That Oriental Helpers Do Not Cause Danger.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Cumberland, Dec. 4.—The court of arbitration opened at 10:15 a.m. David Nellist, a miner of thirteen years' experience, swore that he found Chinese and Japs safe and obedient. He had never heard men in the mine complain of danger from employing them. He did not consider it an advantage for safety or work that a man should read. The bosses instructed the men carefully.

Robert Thorburn, fire boss, swore that he found the Chinese perfectly safe. There were men of all classes in the mines who would sometimes disregard orders. Mr. McAllan asked several questions, to which the witness replied that he had answered them already. The Attorney-General interposed to the same effect, but Mr. McAllan would not take his hint to sit down.

John White, of fifteen years' experience, swore that he never had difficulty in making Chinese understand instructions. Robert Vass gave similar evidence.

Toy, Chinese, explained his duty in the mine and stated that he understood instructions.

At the afternoon session Kwong Hoe, the first witness, stated that chalk marks in the mine indicated danger. He would not pass barricades. Witness read "gas," and gave the reasons for not smoking in the mines.

Thomas Peitice, overman, considered Chinese safe. When a Chinaman went to the wrong place in a mine he turned him out. A white miner had done the same. Any man might misunderstand instructions.

Frank Crawford swore that he knew two Chinese notified by Inspector Morgan, and both understood English well. Donald McKay stated that Chinese and Japs were safe and efficient.

Ah Gale, one of the Chinese objected to by Inspector Morgan, gave intelligent evidence as to his duties in the mine.

Wong took the oath by burning paper and smilingly stated his belief that if he lied after that he would go to hell, "allice smooe one doolie." He answered readily. Quong Ling gave similar testimony. Mah Yack, a Christian Chinaman, surprised all by putting on glasses and reading a portion of the special rules, which he did very well. He was a helper in No. 4 slope. Replying to Mr. Henderson, witness stated that he had been to school in Sacramento, Cal.

BUILDING UP OF AN ARMY.

How Reserves Are Turned Into Regulars at Aldershot—No Lack of Interesting Sight.

They are making an army at Aldershot, and making it with all the speed they can. It is an even which happens only once or twice in a life-time, and then causes excitement throughout the world. Yet one could walk all over Aldershot depot half a dozen times and unless he knew the place intimately would come away with the firm impression that nothing unusual was proceeding.

I saw some statement to the effect that Aldershot was all bustle and excitement. It is not. They do not make an army like that. If you expect to see orderlies rushing about and soldiers on cycles whizzing past—well, that is not at Aldershot. Still, there is excitement at Aldershot. But it is of a sort that you do not see. There are tens of thousands of their hair, it is said, because now that they have got their men ready and have to be off in a day or two they have got no clothing to put on them, and cannot find out when it is likely to arrive. "It will be ready for the embarkation," says Pimblee with passive calmness, and with that Aldershot has to be content.

The results of this are visible, though all the excitement is hidden beneath the red tape bands that hold "complaints." Some of the results make our soldiers look almost comical. For instance, one sees the mounted infantry. They have got their Bedford cord breeches and their puttees, but not their khaki tunics. So the poor chaps are left looking almost like guys in very loose breeches surrounded by very tight old scarlet tunics.

The colonial helmets have arrived, great packing cases full of them, all stowed inside one another, while the gilt adornments and chin straps are separate in other cases. There is no stopping to fix them together and number the helmets. Instead of that three sergeants play a little game of shop. Up marches a file of men in field caps. "Halt! Front! Answer to your names. Right turn, march! Right turn, halt! Now, then, pick out a helmet and hurry up!"

The file has drawn up in front of a line of open packing cases. The moment the men halt off comes each cap, and each man seizes a helmet and dabs it on to his head. Not one in six tries a second. Then a quartermaster tries one or two of the worst fitting. A captain sees whether he can get a little more head of this man out of the helmet and a little more of that man's in. The quartermaster explains that each man must number his own. Then "Right turn, march!" again, and as they pass by the heaps put ready, each man picks up a gilt adornment and the chin strap, and goes off wondering how everything could be made so light as his new white helmet.

Meanwhile other files are passing, bearing old home kits to the stores. Each has an armful of tunics in one end. In another each man is loaded with leggings. Others are carrying away the old helmets.

The reserve men are of course the great feature of interest just now. As to Aldershot, they may be divided into two sets—those who come in alone direct to the depot, and those who march in in large parties from other barracks. Band and cheers always meet these big parties. But the great human interest, after all, is centred in the separate men. The others had got their partings and leave takings. These had only just come through the thick of it.

Once inside the camp the reserve men stands and twists his mustache in wonderment at the changes of recent years. The wilderness has become a town.

I came across one man who had just hurried back from Monte Carlo from the service of a countess—and even he was not sorry. Every man seemed delighted with the change of being in action. But the reservist is not in the depot long before he has to fall in with some part of the movement for making an army. If his

uniform has come he is served out with it and with a sheet of brown paper, a label and a bit of string. These last are for wrapping up all that is left of the civilian. If his uniform has not come, no matter, there is a rifle and a bayonet and belt handy, so off he goes to drill in his own civilian dress. Some of the reservists were drilling in morning coats, bowlers or alphee hats, and one man—a navy—was still wearing the "ye-eks" holding up his trousers below the knee. During the first drill he took one of these straps off and that he should be quite sure of not forgetting which was his right leg.

Then in little corners here and there one could see the making of the army going ahead. At the school men were getting refreshers in the art of signalling. At the hospital men were being dosed with injections of some patent suppository to make them proof against enteric fever. The engineers were practicing with pontoons for bridge making. In the Wellington lines the gun carriages and wagons were being painted from the usual gray to a sort of drab like unto khaki. And away in the distance could be heard the sound that is now being heard at Mafeking and Kimberley. All day long men were practicing at the butts.—London Leader.

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